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In re application of Lippard et al.

Group Art Unit 1742

Serial No. 10/656,918

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NITRIDE INCLUSIONS  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks prior to further examination of the above application (the "Subject Application"):

**A Listing of the Claims** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 10.

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